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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING ATRIAL DISCRIMINATION ALGORITHMS TO DETERMINE OPTIMAL PACING THERAPY AND THERAPY TIMING.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- 1. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
- 2. _ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- 3. X An Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (27 pgs.) is enclosed.
- 4. _ A new power of attorney (pages) is enclosed.
- 5. _ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (pages).
 - a. Form(s) 1449
 - b. Copies of IDS Citations
- 6. X Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$790.00 to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- 7. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
- 8. X A Petition for an Additional Two-Month Extension of Time in the prior application (1 pg.) is enclosed along with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$840.00 to pay the extension fee.

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